

### BRITISH BLOCKADE OF GERMANY BEGUN

(Special to The Argus.)

London.—Great Britain made known to the world in a formal proclamation she proposes to sever all the arteries of sea commerce to and from Germany during the period of the war. The term "blockade" is not used and the prohibited area is defined. Nevertheless, the text of the order makes it plain England's purpose—to prevent commodities of any kind from reaching or leaving Germany during the war.

The British order states that neutral ships and lives of non-combatants will be spared. Disposition of captured cargoes will be left to prize court, if not requisitioned by government, payment for seized cargoes not to be made until peace, unless goods had become neutral before issuance of order.

In the last clause of the proclamation is the proposal most interesting to neutrals. This is a flat agreement to lift the "blockade" in case any nation will certify that the ships flying its flag shall not carry goods to Germany, or originating therein or belonging to the subjects of the German empire.

It is notable that the order declares no intention to capture ships proceeding to and from Germany's allies, Austria and Turkey, the reason being, no doubt, that the measure is avowedly a reprisal against the German submarine warfare.

#### Vigorous Protest Expected.

Washington.—Great Britain's order in council explaining her embargo on all commerce between Germany and neutral countries was received with such evident disappointment by high officials of the United States government that a strong protest against its terms was considered in official quarters as certain to be made soon.

### GERMAN STATEMENT MADE

Minister Will Continue War Until Proper Guarantees are Obtained.

London.—A Reuter dispatch from Berlin by way of Amsterdam quotes the German minister of the interior and vice-chancellor, Clemens Del Bruck, as declaring in a speech in the upper chamber Germany's intention to continue the war until she obtained the guarantees she desired.

"If we were satisfied merely with repelling the enemy," said the vice-chancellor, "we should soon have peace. But we cannot rest satisfied with that alone; we shall not sheath the sword until we obtain guarantees that our enemies will not attack us again. Discussion of these guarantees at the present moment would not further German interests."

#### Eight Ships are Damaged.

Berlin, via London.—A wireless dispatch received from Constantinople says:

"It is semi-officially announced and most emphatically the British warships Agamemnon, Lord Nelson, Cornwallis, Dublin and the French ships Bouvet, Suffren and Saphir all have been damaged in the Dardanelles fighting. The British battleship Queen Elizabeth has been struck by three heavy shells."

### CRUISER DRESDEN SUNK BY BRITISH

London.—The German cruiser Dresden, the only one of Vice Admiral von Spee's squadron which escaped after the battle with the British fleet off the Falkland islands in December, has been sunk, according to announcement by the British admiralty.

The Dresden was sunk Sunday off Juan Fernandez island.

The admiralty announced that the Dresden was trapped by the British cruisers Kent, Glasgow and Orama. The British ships immediately opened fire and after resulting for five minutes, during which she was badly damaged, the German warship hauled down her colors and ran up the white flag. When she surrendered the Dresden was in flames. Her magazine had exploded and her upper works were burning fiercely.

The crew was taken off in boats.

Italy Stops Mails to Austria. Rome.—The Italian minister of posts and telegraphs issued orders suspending the exchange of telegraphic money orders with Austria-Hungary. Orders also were issued suppressing the travelling postoffice on trains bound for the Austrian frontier.

British Gain Said to be Four Miles. Paris.—The advance of the British troops in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle is estimated at about four miles, in a dispatch reaching here.

### WILSON TO ENFORCE DEMANDS ON MEXICO

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Washington.—President Wilson has determined that all the rival factions in Mexico shall be compelled if necessary, not only to respect the lives and property of foreigners, but to insure freedom of commercial communication between the United States and its southern neighbor.

This policy, enunciated in the last two notes sent to General Carranza concerning the situation at Mexico City, was further developed by the dispatch of a communication informing the Mexican chief that unless the gunboat Zaragoza was recalled from its attempted blockade of the port of Progreso, the president of the United States "would be constrained to issue instructions" to the commander of the armored cruiser Des Moines "to prevent any interference" with American ships going to or from that port.

The purpose of this note apparently was achieved before it reached Vera Cruz, for the navy department received word that the Zaragoza had put back to Vera Cruz "on account of the stress of the weather." The opinion of officials is that there will be no further attempt to blockade.

#### Will Vitalize New Discovery.

Washington.—It is announced officially that two large companies have arranged to take advantage of the discoveries recently announced by Secretary Lane that revolutionize the manufacture of gasoline and make the United States independent of Germany in the manufacture of tuluol and benzol, used in making explosives and dyes.

### VESSEL SINKS IN 5 MINUTES

British Auxiliary Cruiser Bayano Torpedoed by German Submarine.

Ayr, Scotland.—Graphic description of the sinking of the British auxiliary cruiser Bayano by a German submarine was given by survivors of the disaster. Of the 220 men on board, 194 perished, as the cruiser sank so rapidly that the men had scarcely a chance for their lives. She was a converted merchantman.

Lieutenant Commander Gay, one of the survivors, said: "The Bayano went to the bottom five minutes after the German torpedo struck her. Of the 220 persons aboard, I am certain that only 26 were picked up by the steamers Balmorino and Tara, which came to our rescue. All the others were killed by the explosion or were swirled down in the vortex."

#### Vermont Will Vote Upon Prohibition.

Montpelier, Vt.—Governor Gates signed the prohibition referendum bill. As a result the voters will decide at the municipal election in March, 1916, whether to substitute state-wide prohibition for local option.

#### Ontario Library.

Open Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 to 6:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m.; from 2:00 to 6:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m.

### GERMANY EXPECTED TO REPUDIATE ACT

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Washington.—Germany probably will repudiate the action of the captain of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich in sinking the American ship William P. Frye, loaded with wheat consigned from Seattle to Queenstown, and make reparation for the loss of the vessel and cargo, in the opinion of German officials here.

Captain Thierichens, of the Prinz Eitel, stated that his only guide while at sea and for months out of communication with his government was the declaration of London. This would permit the destruction of a neutral prize if carrying a cargo more than half of which could be proved to be contraband, provided it was impossible to take the vessel to a home port without endangering the captor warship.

Since the outbreak of the war the German government has defined its views on shipments of conditional contraband and has argued that foodstuffs must be proved without any doubt to be bound actually to a belligerent force of an enemy before they can be seized.

#### Thaw is Acquitted.

New York.—Harry Kendall Thaw was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum for the insane, but that did not mean freedom. As soon as the verdict was announced Thaw was given into the custody of Sheriff Griffenhagen, of New York county.

#### Hood River Board Votes to Secede.

Hood River, Or.—The board of directors of the Hood River Apple Growers' association recommended that the Hood River association withdraw from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors. Final action, however, rests with the members of the local association.

#### Baptist Church.

Topics for next Sunday 11:00 a. m. Stock Pale Religion. 7:30 p. m. "The Way of Life." A hearty invitation is extended to all. This is the second of a series of addresses on the general topic "Life."

D. E. BAKER, Pastor.

#### Obituary.

William Burton Le Roy was born April 24th, 1890, and died March 9th, 1915. He was stricken with tuberculosis five years ago and gradually failed as is peculiar to that disease.

Through these years of suffering he was very patient and kind. He was always a dutiful thoughtful son and lived a good clean life but was definitely and clearly saved last July and maintained a strong clear faith in Christ to the last. Death held no terror for him.

The immediate relatives who mourn his loss are, father, mother, and grandmother. Funeral services were conducted from the residence under the direction of Mr. Farley, Rev. Pratt of the Methodist church officiated.

#### Ironside, Oregon.

Bud McPherson returned from a week's visit with relatives at Ontario on Thursday.

Francis Rose who has been visiting in Baker for some time with his son, Lewis and family, returned home on Saturday.

Rev. Harrison of Unity passed through on Saturday enroute to Malheur to hold services there Sunday. Miss Mabel Horton of Bonita after a week's visit with friends of this place returned home Sunday.

Jack Clifford and wife were business visitors in Ironside, Thursday. May Beam has returned to her home again after a two weeks absence at the home of S. A. Lofton's, taking care of the sick with measles.

Stanley Van Buren and family returned from Weiser the last of the week, where they had been visiting relatives the past week.

W. R. Lofton and wife were Ironside visitors on Friday.

Will Quinn made a trip to Unity the first of the week, visiting with friends, returning on Thursday.

Vern Gardner of Malheur who is visiting at the home of Francis Rose while cutting wood on Friday let the axe slip accidentally cutting his left thumb quite badly.

Ben Faust of Oregon City arrived in the vicinity on Saturday. After visiting with his brother, Sam Faust, he took his departure for his home near West Camp Creek, where he will be for the summer looking after the Eldardo ditch interests.

Ed Beam made a trip to Hardy Murray's on West Camp Creek on Thursday, after grain.

Miss Nannie Duncan who is teaching at Cow Valley was a week end visitor at her mothers, Mrs. S. D. Duncan, returning to her school on Sunday.

Chas Seton has been compelled to lay aside the building of the hotel until Mr. King begins his spring sawing as a shortage on lumber.

Mrs. Ed Beam was a visitor at

#### May Beam on Thursday.

A surveyor of Ontario passed through Ironside enroute to Unity on Friday.

The baseball boys had a practice game here on Sunday. The regular team will be organized this week. New bats, gloves, masks, etc., will also arrive this week.

Branding has been exclusively carried out by the stockmen in this vicinity the last week and will be this week. Thousands of heads of cattle are being turned on the range.

Frank Reed and wife of Bonita were visitors in this vicinity Sunday. Geo. Devenney of Bonita went to

Hardy Murray's on Saturday after grain, returning on Sunday.

A number of young people are making preparations to attend the dance at Unity on Friday the 19th, given by the baseball boys of that place.

Word was received that Mrs. Freeman, mother of Mrs. Sam Faust who is visiting there is much improved. Smith Bros. moved a large herd of their stock from Wm. Beams on Monday.

Mrs. Nancy Rutherford and daughter Mary, moved to the John Smith home on Monday.

Vern Gardner returned to Malheur Monday.

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